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1. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 199 196 A2 - Corresponds to U.S. Patent No. US 6,637,269 B2 which is cited on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.
2. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 617 260 B1 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
3. German Patent Publication No. DE 101 34 259 A1 - Corresponds to U.S. Publication No. US 2004/0100357 A1 which is cited on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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